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AS REQUESTED REFTTEL, FOLLOWING IS TEXT DRAFT RESOLUTION  
PRESENTED BY SRI LANKA ON WORLD FERTILIZER FUND. PROPOSAL  
DID NOT GAIN SIGNIFICANT LDC SUPPORT AND DELEGATION BELIEVES  
IT, ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHER PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS, WILL  
SIMPLY BE NOTED IN RESOLUTION III ON FERTILIZER.

BEGIN TEXT. ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORLD FERTILIZER FUND -  
SRI LANKA: DRAFT RESOLUTION.

THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE,

RECOGNISING THE PARAMOUNT URGENCY OF ENSURING ADEQUATE  
AND REGULAR SUPPLIES OF FERTILIZERS AT REASONABLE PRICES  
TO ALL COUNTRIES AND IN PARTICULAR TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,  
AND CONSCIOUS OF THE ROLE OF FERTILIZERS IN INCREASING  
FOOD PRODUCTION, BEING ITS MOST CRITICAL INPUT,  
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TAKING NOTE OF THE ACTION TAKEN SO FAR BE THE INTER-

NATIONAL COMMUNITY IN SETTING UP THE FAO COMMISSION ON FERTILIZERS, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "FERTILIZER POOL" AND THE INTERNATIONAL FERTILIZER SUPPLY SCHEME, IN PURSUANCE OF THE ECOSOC RESOLUTION, AND THE OTHER AREAS OF ACTION IN ORGANISING COORDINATED RESEARCH PROGRAMMES AND NEW RESOURCES FOR SUCH PROGRAMMES, AND ALSO THE WORK OF IBRD AND UNIDO IN THE FERTILIZER FIELD IN THE LAST ONE OR TWO YEARS AND ALSO OF THE UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY OPERATION IN CHANNELLING AID FOR PROCUREMENT OF FERTILIZER, ALSO TAKING NOTE OF THE GROWING AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE AND GREATER EFFICIENCY OF FERTILIZERS AS AN APPROPRIATE INSTRUMENT FOR EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE IN INCREASING FOOD SUPPLIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, BOTH ON A BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL BASIS,

RECOGNISING THE TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY THAT NOW EXISTS FOR DEVISING COOPERATIVE JOINT VENTURES AND REGIONAL PROJECTS IN THE FERTILIZER FIELD BETWEEN OIL EXPORTING COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY FERTILIZER PRODUCERS, AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH A VIEW TO PROMOTING MORE ECONOMIC AND STABLE SYSTEMS OF FERTILIZER PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY AND THEREFORE THE URGENT NEED TO ORGANISE INVESTMENTS WITH ASSURANCE OF MARKETS IN THE LONG RUN, AND TO INCREASE THE MOMENTUM OF EFFICIENT FERTILIZER CONSUMPTION IN ALL COUNTRIES ON THE BASIS OF ASSURED SUPPLIES,

TAKING NOTE OF THE PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD BY SRI LANKA AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORLD FERTILIZER FUND AND THE DETAILED OBJECTIVES ENVISAGED FOR THE FUND AS EXPRESSED IN THE DOCUMENTS OF THIS CONFERENCE,

ALSO NOTING THAT IN THIS AREA OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO FOOD PRODUCTION, WHICH IS UNANIMOUSLY CONSIDERED, AS THE MOST CRITICAL ISSUE CONFRONTING MANKIND, THE ABSENCE OF A COORDINATING AND DIRECTING MECHANISM WHICH IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO OVERCOME THE WORLD'S DEPENDENCE ON UNREGULATED MARKET FORCES,

RECOGNISING THAT THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE HAS BEEN URGED IN THE BASIC CONFERENCE DOCUMENT - "THE WORLD FOOD PROBLEM - PROPOSALS FOR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACTION" TO TAKE URGENT AND IMMEDIATE ACTION, THE RELEVANT PARAGRAPH 153 BEING QUOTED IN FULL BELOW:  
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IN VIEW OF THE CLOSE INTERDEPENDENCE BETWEEN THE SUPPLY OF FERTILIZER AND THE LEVEL OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, THE EMERGING SITUATION COULD HAVE THE MOST SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES UNLESS APPROPRIATE CORRECTIVE MEASURES ARE SOON ADOPTED AT BOTH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS. THE SITUATION CALLS FOR BOLD NEW INITIATIVES, DESIGNED TO ASSURE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF

FERTILIZERS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT A REASONABLE COST  
AND THERE IS A CLEAR NEED FOR A WORLD FERTILIZER POLICY....

1. CALLS FOR THE IMMEDIATE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUB-SIDIARY BODY OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL TO BE REFERRED TO AS THE WORLD FERTILIZER FUND AND WHICH WILL BE THE AUTHORITY ACTING AS THE INTERNATIONAL FOCAL POINT FOR COORDINATION OF ALL ASPECTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT, FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A WORLD FERTILIZER POLICY;

2. RECOMMENDS THAT THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL APPOINTS A COMMITTEE MOST URGENTLY TO WORK OUT IN DETAIL THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE FUND IN COOPERATION WITH THE RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES LIKE THE FAO, IBRD, IMF, UNCTAD, AND UNIDO;

3. ALSO URGES THAT THE WORLD FERTILIZER FUND SO ESTABLISHED WILL HAVE BOTH ADVISORY AND EXECUTIVE POWERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT, FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A WORLD FERTILIZER POLICY AND FOR THIS PURPOSE ESTABLISH LINKS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND IN THE EVENT OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT, FOR THE PROVISION OF FINANCE FOR THE FERTILIZER INDUSTRY. END TEXT. VOLPE

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